

Application No. 09/612,543
Supplemental Amendment dated October 26, 2007

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REMARKS

Claims 14-19 are pending. Claims 1, 3-4, 9-12, 20 and 24-25 have been canceled without prejudice to filing in a continuation/divisional application. No new matter has been added.

Outstanding Issues

The Examiner has maintained the following prior art based rejections:

- Claims 1, 3-4, 9, 12, 20, and 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jamil (U.S. Patent No. 5,772,916) in view of Arakawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,031,236);
- Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § (a) as being unpatentable over Jamil and Arakawa et al. as applied to claim 1 above, in view of Leblans et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,360,578); and
- Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jamil and Arakawa et al. as applied to claim 9 above, in view of Hultsch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,405,454).

In view of the cancellation of claims 1, 3-4, 9-12, 20 and 24-25, these rejections are rendered moot.

All remaining claims have been indicated as being allowed by the Examiner. In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq., Reg. No. 43,575 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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